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ACTION AF-08

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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3929

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 1712

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, LI
SUBJECT: AMERICAN BANKS AND "SANCTION BREAKING"

REF: (A) MONROVIA 1510; (B) STATE 049980

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL A EMBASSY LEARNED THAT INTER-
NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY ALSO RECEIVED IDENTICAL LETTER FROM
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MANAGERS OF ALL THREE AMERICAN
BANKS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THEY HAVE ANSWERED MFA'S LETTER
BY CHALLENGING AND DENYING ACCURACY OF ALLEGATIONS AND REQUESTED
MFA TO SUPPLY DETAILS OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS SO THEY CAN BE
INVESTIGATED AND REFUTED.

2. CHASE MANAGER INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR THAT HIS LEGAL COUNSEL
LEARNED IN CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SIAFA SHERMAN
THAT MFA GETS CRANK LETTERS MAKING SUCH ACCUSATIONS FROM TIME
TO TIME. SHERMAN REPORTEDLY REMARKED THAT FOR INTERNAL POLICAL
REASONS MINISTRY CANNOT TOTALLY IGNORE THEM AND MUST SEND LETTERS
OCCASIONALLY TO ACCUSED INDIVIDUALS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS TO SHOW
THAT MINISTRY IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT SUCH "SANCTION BREAKING".

3. BANKS ARE HOPING THAT THE MATTER IS CLOSED WITH SUBMISSION
OF THEIR REPLIES. BANKS DID NOT SEEK CLARIFICATION ON POINTS
RAISED IN REFTEL B BUT OBVIOUSLY WILL NEED TO DO SO IF MFA DECIDES
TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER. EMBASSY BELIEVES LATTER ACTION
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IS NOT LIKELY.
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Message Attributes

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